

#### The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

# Sunday 25th April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Spotlight on Giving: Latest from the Treasurer at All Saints Kay writes...

I am in the process of delivering 'thank you' letters to all our regular givers (by standing order and envelopes) to let them know how much they gave in 2020 and, if they signed a Gift Aid declaration, how much tax we were able to claim back.

Our income at Darfield in 2020 from envelopes and standing orders was £31,237. This was 58% of our total income of 2020, so you can see how important this type of giving is for our church.

If you are a member of our churches and do not give by envelope or standing order, then I would urge you to consider whether **now** is the time to start to do so. In addition, if you pay tax and have not signed a Gift Aid declaration, I would urge you to do that too. That would mean that every £10 you paid to our church would turn into £12.50 by the time that it reached our coffers – thanks to H.M. Revenue and Customs.

2020 was a difficult year for our churches financially, and 2021 is shaping up to be equally financially challenging. As you consider this and what you could possibly do, please remember what the famous large grocery store says – "Every little helps"!

PS I will be doing a bank run soon, so any lingering backlog of envelopes is most welcome before I do so.

# **Annual Parochial Meetings: Tuesday 27th April 2021**

A reminder that our Annual Meetings will be held via Zoom starting at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for PCC membership or Assistant Warden to Peter.

**Nominations for Churchwardens**, must be in writing on the appropriate form and be in the hands of the Chairman of the meeting before it starts.

Annual reports and meeting details have been circulated to those who receive the links for our Sunday services. If you want on, or need a paper copy, contact Peter in time for them to be delivered before the meeting. The meeting link will be distributed on Monday 26th April.

# **Forthcoming Services**

During May we intend to offer a limited return to worship in the Churches in our Mission Partnership. The Facebook services at 10:30 a.m. will continue.

#### Holy Communion Services at 9:00 a.m.

9th St Michael, Great Houghton16th Christ Church, Ardsley23rd St Helens, Thurnscoe

30th All Saints, Darfield

Bookings via Jo Darlison Masks and Social Distancing systems remain in place.

# **Church Openings for Prayer**

Along with the resumption of Public Worship in our Churches, we intend to resume limited opening sessions for Private Prayer. Dates and times to be arranged.

This can only take place if we have sufficient volunteers to be in and around the buildings to maintain security and social distancing.

**Contact Jo for further details** and to add your name to the list of volunteers.

# **Prayer Requests** Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw Pat Bentley Steven, Kate and their families Steve & Val Myers The relatives of James Roebuck The relatives of Grace Barras The relatives of Arthur Bromley

Contact: Carol Hunter 07542 527331

## 4th Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Readings

Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm 23

1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18

Bible Readings for this week

#### **April:**

25th Romans 2: 17-29 26th Romans 3: 1-8 27th Romans 3: 9-20 28th Romans 3: 21-31 29th Romans 4: 1-15 30th Romans 4: 16-25

May:

1st Romans 5: 1-11

# **Sheffield Diocesan Prayer Community** Every day, do you or could you...

Say the Lord's Prayer? Read at least one Bible verse? Say the Diocesan Vision Prayer? **Pray for Growth?** 



This is all it takes to be able to join the others in the Diocesan Prayer Community as it seeks to support the Diocesan Strategy.

You will need an email address to sign up and will receive a weekly series of Reflections, prayer and readings.

Sign up at <a href="https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/renewed">https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/renewed</a> If you don't use email you can still receive a copy of the weekly mailing. Contact Peter for details.

#### **The Diocesan Vision Prayer**

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

**RENEW** us as we make your love known;

**RELEASE** us to share freely together in mission;

and **REJUVENATE** us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,

that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,

we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow

through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Good Grief Virtual Café**

Tuesday 27th April: 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Contact Tony@brownmail.me.uk for the Zoom Link

A space and time for anyone experiencing grief of any kind to talk and share together.

#### From the Parish Registers

Thursday 22nd April 2021

Arthur Bromley Aged 89

All Saints Church and Churchyard

#### **Resources and Contacts**

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Wednesday 5 p.m.

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